

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are pending. Claims 1, 6-10, and 12-20 stand rejected for anticipation by Newton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,595,890; hereafter “Newton”). Claims 2-5 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

As in the previous reply, Applicants maintain that Newton does not anticipate claims 1, 6-10, or 12-20. Nonetheless, since the Office has acknowledged that claim 2 is allowable over Newton, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 15 to include the limitations of claim 2 solely for the purpose of advancing the present application to allowance. Applicants intend to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a continuation application.

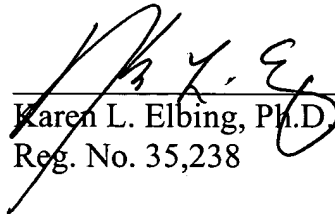
As the independent claims are now limited to subject matter indicated by the Office to be patentable over Newton, the sole § 102 rejection may be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is requested. If there are any charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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